

Chapter 1

It is a dark and stormy night in a small gloomy town. Thunder and lightning clash which create an eerie atmosphere for the scene. Dead rise from the grave and they attack the townspeople. They raid the markets where farmers sell fresh fruit and vegetables for only a cent. The townspeople ring loud bells on their street corners to summon the police. Police show up to counter the living dead but the dead assimilates them and makes the police part of their kind. The town is mostly destroyed. Most survivors have evacuated the town.

In a mansion in the northern part of the town, a twelve year-old boy sits in a large, soft chair and watches the madness outside. The boy said, "Archie!" Archie the butler in a tuxedo comes to the boy. Archie said, "What is it my lord?" The boy said, "Bring me my dark blue orb. I know how to save the town." Archie said, "Yes, right away sir." Archie leaves the room and comes back with a dark blue orb sitting in a short wooden box. The orb has swirl lines in it that constantly swirl as if it were alive. The boy waves his hands around it. He moves his hands in specific patterns. Just as he was doing such, the living dead breaks down the door to his mansion and they assimilate the butler, Archie. The boy shakes in fear and his hands are sweaty. The living dead approach the boy and he struggles even more to get the orb to work. The orb still does not work and the living dead assimilated the boy.

The entire town is assimilated by the living dead. Five days later, the American soldiers show up to handle the scene. They use their muskets and bayonets to fight off the living dead. Many of the soldiers are assimilated. They find the orb the boy tried to use to stop the living dead. One of the soldiers looks at it and he keeps it for himself. After a large battle, the American soldiers finally win. The land remains vacant until some many years later when people start to build a city again on the land. They name the city after a name that would not suggest anything of its past. They named the new city, San Francisco.

Chapter 2

Mason is working around wires in his home. He is trying to set something up to his computer. Mason plugs a wire into the back of the computer and he said, "That oughta do it. Hey Jason!" Jason comes down the stairs to the room with the computer. He said, "What is it?" Mason said, "We just got our new internet connection working. We can go on the internet." Jason said, "What is the internet?" Mason said, "It is a medium that allows people to post information about things for other people to view. You can send messages to people using this medium. They call it, Email. There are also, videos, images, maps, and anything else you can think of." Jason said, "Can I find games on the internet?" Mason, said, "Of course there are games on the internet. Of course it would be a waste of perfectly good resources but..." Jason jumps into the computer seat and he starts searching the internet. Jason said, "This computer is my new home. I was impressed last year when you showed me the new, Looking Glass system but this tops that completely." Jason searches for online games and he starts playing. Mason said, "Be careful though, when you view things on the

internet you download them and that takes up space on the computer and our computer has limited space.” Jason said, “I will be careful.”

Mason walks down the streets of downtown and he sees the usual sights and sounds. Rappers are walking down the street with boomboxes on their shoulders. Mason sees a sign that advertises for an auction at an historic mansion close by. The auction is in an hour. Mason heads over to the mansion.

Mason goes to the mansion where he sees many different items for sale. Mason looks through a box filled with paintings. He finds a painting of a preteen boy wearing prestigious clothes and is sitting in a prestigious chair. Mason said, “This looks like someone from history. Maybe it is someone significant.” Keith walks by and he sees Mason looking through art paintings. Keith said, “None of those are going to be yours so you might as well give them to me right now.” Mason said, “The auction has not taken place yet.” Keith said, “Well there is a much greater chance I will win rather than you so you might as well just give up now.” Mason said, “No, I will not give up because some nerdy brat wants the art more than me. You are just jealous of me.” Keith said, “Why would I be jealous of you. I live in a mansion. I have a million more dollars than you. I will be buying most of this stuff anyways. These belong in a sophisticated man's house, not a nerd's lab like yours.” Mason said, “We will see about this.”

The auction starts and Mason and Keith and many other various people take their seats. The first thing that is auctioned is a painting of a bowl of fruit. The starting bid is ten dollars. No one wants it so Keith wins it for ten dollars. Keith said, “What did I tell you?” Mason said, “This proves nothing.” The next thing for sale is the painting of the rich boy. Mason places a bid for twenty dollars. Keith places a bid for thirty dollars. Mason places a bid for forty dollars. Keith places a bid for seventy dollars. Mason said, “That much?” Keith said, “A painting is only worth what people are willing to pay for it.” Keith wins the painting for seventy dollars. Many more paintings are shown and Keith wins all of them. Mason tries to combat Keith's bids but he keeps losing.

The last thing shown is an orb that is dark blue and has swirl lines moving in it. Keith said, “Who would pay money for a piece of junk like that?” Mason bids twenty dollars on it. The auctioneer said, “Going once, going twice, sold, to Mr. Mason for twenty dollars.” Mason said, “You may have won a lot of paintings, but I won an orb. How many people have those?” Mason claims his prize.

Chapter 3

Mason gets home and he goes to his lab. He opens the box that contains the orb. Mason stares at the orb and he examines its beauty. Jason wanders through the front door of the lab and he sees the orb. He said, “What is this?” Mason said, “It is an orb I won from an auction. I competed with Keith to obtain art that was being sold at a mansion somewhere. Keith won all of the paintings and all I won was this orb.” Jason said, “It is beautiful. I love it. I am strangely attracted to it.” Mason said, “Don't get too attached to it. I may keep it for a bit

but I will sell it depending on its true value. I will go on the internet and I will see how much its actual value is. I only paid twenty dollars for it. It could be worth much more online.” Jason said, “You can buy stuff online?” Mason said, “Yes you can.” Jason said, “More the reason for me to never leave the house again.”

Jason waves his hands around the orb. The wavy swirl lines follow Jason's fingertips. Jason touches the orb and it gives him a shock. Jason waves his hands around in funny ways. The lines follow his movements perfectly. Jason does funny hand movements. A green spark comes out of the orb and the orb rolls off of the table and it hits the floor. Mason said, “Jason, be careful with that orb.” Jason said, “I did not touch it at all, I swear.” In a cemetery outside of the city, energy generated by the orb flows around and it connects with corpses in the ground below. The body of a dead boy twitches and then his eyes open up. He grabs the top of the coffin and he smashes it open and he climbs through the dirt above. Other people that are dead are doing the same thing. They are walking through the forest and setting up a base there.

Jason and Mason are on the internet and they are reading an article about the orb. Mason read, “This is an orb that ancient people that lived around Spain used to communicated with the dead. It can also be used to alter the personalities of dead people and make them come back from the dead entirely.’ If this orb falls into the wrong hands, our world may be in great peril. We need to store it in a place where no one can find it.” Jason said, “We can put it in the Pita shop up the street. I have never seen anyone go in there.” Mason said, “I have a fire proof safe but it is not big enough. I will have to construct something larger to store it in.” The phone rings and Mason answers it. The person on the other end of the line said, “It is Park Tour Guide Francis. I have a report on strange beings in the forest. I have called you because you study anomalies like this and you may want to see this. This is in the forest right now.” Mason said, “I will be there right now.” Mason hangs up the phone and he said, “Jason, we are going into the forest. There have been sightings of strange creatures.” Jason said, “I hope there is nothing there that will give me the creeps.”

Jason and Mason arrive at the park and it is nighttime. They meet the Tour Guide, Francis. He said, “I am glad you are here, Mason. I need you to help me with these creatures. If you can capture a sample of their DNA, you may be able to create an antidote.” Jason and Mason and Francis walk through the dirt trail in the forest. They look around and they do not see anything. They walk through the forest for thirty minutes and they do not see or hear anything odd. Francis said, “I swear I saw something strange here.” Mason said, “I believe you. I am going to go to the washroom. The two of you will stay here.” Mason heads for the washroom and Jason and Francis stay with each other in a small field of dirt. Jason said, “I hope this isn't real. If it is, we are in serious trouble.” Francis said, “You are telling me.” Jason and Francis hear a rustle sound coming from a bush. Francis said, “It is probably just a raccoon or some other creature we have no respect for. I will deal with this myself.” Francis walks into the bush and he fights the thing that is in the bush. Jason hears a lot of fighting and he sees a lot of movement. After a few seconds, Jason hears a ripping sound. Jason's eyes grow big. Francis is seen running away from some unknown figure and Francis is lead off the edge of a cliff. Jason's eyes fly out of his skull and they run back in. Jason jumps and screams in horror. Jason runs away. He keeps running but he keeps his head pointed towards the figure in the background so he does not see what is ahead. Jason crashes into a tree and he falls down an inclined plane on mud. Jason slides down the slope and he gets completely covered in mud. Jason keeps sliding down and the slide ends on a

campsite and the right side of Jason's head smashes into the metal base of a trailer. Jason growls in pain and he walks in a very crooked way. He walks to a couple that is sitting around a campfire. The couple sees Jason. They scream and the man runs for a shotgun. Jason tries to speak but his words come out extremely slurred that no one can make them out. The woman picks up her cellphone and she calls 911. Jason walks away from them and he bumps into more trees. He walks around more campsites where more people see him and report him.

Jason sees a lake of water. Jason takes off his clothes and he washes them in the water. He looks up ahead and he sees a payphone. Jason walks up to it and he sees someone putting money in the machine and they do not press anything. The man sees Jason and he runs away in fear. Jason looks down and he realizes that he is completely naked. Jason goes to the phone and he calls his someone. Jason calls a number and he waits as the phone processes the call and the phone rings. Jason's grandmother answers the phone and she said, "Hello." Jason said, "Hey grandma, it's Jason. I need your help. I am stuck in the forest and I am being chased by scary monsters that ran the park ranger off a cliff and..." Jason's grandmother said, "They ran Park Ranger Cliff away? This is serious. I will come to the woods right now and get you and Mason out of there don't you delay anymore, we will come and get you." She hangs up.

Jason washes off his clothes and he sees a locker with a park ranger uniform open. Jason takes the uniform and he puts it on. Jason said, "I need to find Mason so we can get out of here." Jason wanders through the woods on the same paths he was on earlier. He sees Mason leaning against a tree. Mason said, "Where were you and why are you a park ranger?" Jason said, "Those living dead we read about on the internet are real and they are here right now causing trouble. They ran Francis off the cliff." Mason said, "This is quite serious. These things could be everywhere by now. It may not be safe to walk home at nighttime." Jason said, "I called our grandparents and they are coming to drive us home as we speak." Mason said, "We better head to the entrance and exit of the forest. We need to be there so we can leave as soon as they show up."

Jason and Mason walk to the front of the forest and they hear scary sounds. They stop and turn around to see what the sounds are. They see nothing so they turn back around. They see a scary living dead monster in there faces. He is bald with a few brown hairs and he has gray skin. He said, "Boo hoo, you do not have to cry." Jason and Mason jump in fear and Mason takes out a gun he has in his pocket and he fires a few shots at the monster. Jason said, "Why do you carry a gun on you?" Mason said, "Doesn't everybody?" Jason said, "Good point." The monster is down on the ground and it is still moving. Jason and Mason run away from it. They reach the front of the forest and they see a car with both of their grandparents in the car. Jason and Mason jump in and they lock their doors. Mason said, "Floor it." The grandfather is driving and the grandmother turns her head around to look at Jason and Mason in the back. The grandmother said, "It's a good thing you are in this car. There are some strange things going on in this town."

The car is driving down the street and it hits a living dead drone. It flies off the car and it smashes on the side of the road. A car crashes into a house and living dead are beating up the people in the house and they are doing other weird things to other people on the street. Mason said, "Thanks for driving the two of us home. We would be dead if it were not for you." Grandfather said, "Eh, I've seen it all, the Ottomans, the Nazis, the North

Koreans, the Viet Cong, Saddam, and now it is these guys. It is about time we prevail again against these drones and save our world from certain doom.” Jason said, “I like your spirit.” The car arrives at Jason and Mason's place and Jason and Mason get out and they run into their house.

Jason is shaking in fear. Jason said, “What are we going to do about this?” Mason said, “We will stay in here and we may be able to go to the lab and invent some possible antidotes against them. If this does get bad, we will need to find an expert on the orb and have him help us. I am pretty sure that orb I won at the auction is the reason why all of this is happening. Well I still think it is better in my grasp than it would have been in Keith's.” Jason said, “Amen to that.” Jason and Mason go to bed and they set up their beds on the floor of the spare room.

The next morning, Jason and Mason wake up and they turn on the TV and they watch the news. George Ferrier is on and he said, “This is DDD news and I am George Ferrier. Last night, an army of monsters identified as, 'Living Dead' have been spotted around the San Francisco forest and a residential area nearby. These monsters have come back from the dead and they have terrified many people in and around the forest last night. A park ranger named, Francis was found injured and smashed below a cliff last night and it was believed it was by these living dead. To make matters worse, Big Foot was also spotted in the forest campgrounds last night too.” A camper is on the screen and she said, “It was scary, he was big and all covered in mud...” George Ferrier said, “The army and the SWAT team were called into action last night and they placed some duct tape on the situation. They managed to create a blockade which divides the residential area from the city. If you live in a residential part of the city, leave to to the main city at once. This is DDD news and I am George Ferrier.”

Jason said, “I guess we are going downtown today.” Mason said, “I will pack my bags. Our parents are still at another one of their business meetings so we will have to go alone. It is for a good cause if it means we will survive.” Jason and Mason go to the lab and they fill two large plastic crates filled with gadgets. Mason packs the orb too. Mason said, “It is a good idea we bring the orb too. We may find just the specialist we need downtown. Jason and Mason head downtown and they check into a hotel. Jason said, “What are we going to do?” Mason said, “We will hang around the city. If the news is right, there should not be any monsters in downtown.” Jason said, “Maybe we can go and see a movie at the theaters.” Mason said, “We can do that.” Jason said, “I heard Fatman and Glutton is currently playing.” Mason said, “Let's go to it.”

Chapter 4

Jason and Mason line up at the movie theater to see the movie. Jason said, “I hope this movie is better than the last movie. Shoemaker is a sucky director compared to the legendary, Birdton.” Mason said, “They made Fatman Eternity more family friendly. They wanted the series to appeal to the entire family. That is why they placed actors that kids would know like, Tim Larry. They also placed actors that older people would like, like Johnny Lee James.” Jason said, “The movie was still garbage. The only part of the movie I like were the songs by, Walrus and Y3. The soundtrack was incredible but the movie was the opposite.” Mason said, “Well we can only hope that this movie will be better.”

Jason is looking at the different treats. Jason said, "Should I buy us, Jub Jubs, or N&N's or maybe some Skittlets?" Mason said, "Remember when movie theaters only had popcorn and drinks. I think they are going too far with this snack business." They hear a familiar voice say, "It is how they make money and it is what people want these days." Jason and Mason turn to where they heard the voice and it is a man dressed in a black superhero costume with a cape that is black on the back and red on the front and he wears a black mask. Jason and Mason said, "Captain Fusion?" Captain Fusion said, "I have come to the movies because I have not been to the movies in over thirty years. I needed to know what you modern people do these days." Jason, Mason, and Captain Fusion walk down the hallway that leads to the screen their movie is being shown on. Captain Fusion said, "I live downtown now. I still try my best to fight the forces of evil. I hear there is some evil close by to where you live." Mason said, "That is why we are here. Downtown is safe but the residential areas have been threatened." They go to the screen and they find their seats and they watch the movie.

They show commercials for cellphone services and other related services. Then there is an ad for a new pick-up truck. After ten minutes of ads, they start showing ads for other movies that are coming out. Jason said, "When are they going to start the movie?" Jason and Mason sit in the theater for another thirty minutes and the movie still does not start yet. Jason shouts out, "Start the movie!" Other people in the theater started chanting, "Start the movie! Start the movie!" The screen jerks and it starts showing an old black and white movie. There are still more adds and they are PSAs for disturbing things. People storm out of the movie theater. Jason and Mason stay in their seats. Jason and Mason hear loud screaming as if people are in peril. Jason and Mason look out into the hallway and they see the living dead attacking people and assimilating people. Jason said, "This is why we should not listen to everything they say on TV." Mason said, "Forget about that now. We need to get out of here alive." Captain Fusion is behind Jason and Mason and he said, "I see the evil demons at their prime. I need to cease this devastation before it grows into anymore atrocities." Captain Fusion jumps into the hallway and he fights the living dead. One drone walks towards Captain Fusion and he punches the drone in the face and the drone falls over. Another drone slowly creeps behind Captain Fusion and he grabs onto its arm and he throws it in front of him and he stomps on the drone's head. More drones attack Captain Fusion. Captain Fusion said, "Jason, Mason, get out of here. I know you are the ones to save our world." Jason and Mason run past Captain Fusion and none of the drones attack Jason and Mason. They are focused on Captain Fusion. Captain Fusion continues to fight the drones. He uses his right leg to kick a drone behind him and he punches one in front of him.

Jason and Mason leave the movie theater and they see police heading for the movie theater with the SWAT team. The streets look fine and safe. Jason and Mason walk back to their hotel room. Mason said, "The living dead could be hiding in some of these buildings or in places where people would least expect it." Jason said, "I cannot trust anyone anywhere." Mason looks through the newspapers. Mason reads the paper, "It says there is a meeting for all of the citizens to attend out on Main Street tonight at nine.' We should attend this." Jason said, "We should not come to this unarmed." Mason said, "I brought plenty of gadgets on me from the lab. We will be fine."

Jason and Mason attend the outdoor conference and they stand on the closed road along other citizens. There is a stage and the mayor is on the stage giving a speech in front

of scared people. The mayor said, "Everyone, there is no need to be scared. The situation is under control." A second after the mayor said that, someone falls off the side of a building. The crowd stares at the person that fell. The mayor said, "That is just nothing. It has nothing to do with the living dead everyone is talking about. We need to find and seek out the source of the problem. Our only hope is modern technology. I have appointed Keith to be in charge of the search for the source. He is an expert in inventing and technology that will shape our world in the upcoming, 21st century." Keith walks up to the podium and said in the microphone, "I am honored that you have chosen me, Mr. Mayor. I will serve the community well. I will track down the master beast and I will be the savior of the world. People will honor my name, Keith." The mayor said, "Thank you, Keith I am sure we will end this soon enough. Don't let this stop you from traveling downtown. The city is safe. We have SWAT team members posted on every block and we have quick alarms posted in every establishment." Mason said, "This is bogus. Why would they choose Keith to lead this search. He is just going to get the city destroyed." Jason said, "We should just watch him fail. He will be begging for us to help him." Mason said, "That could help him. He could learn a lesson from this."

Chapter 5

Jason and Mason are watching the news back at the hotel room. Jason said, "What if this is some sort of prank someone is pulling on us?" Mason said, "This is one cruel joke if that's the case." Mason finds the box that has the orb in it and he opens it and has a look at the orb. Mason said, "This is like having the chest full of treasure and not having the key. The problem can be solved right now with this thing in my hands. If I were fluent in this language, I would be able to save the world right now." Jason said, "We could find someone that knows how to work this thing in the city." Mason said, "The city... That is it. I think the living dead may be attracted to this orb. The living dead did not show up until you started playing with this. They attacked a residential area because we live in one. We brought this orb downtown and now they are showing up in downtown. There is only one way we would know for certain. If they are looking for the orb, it is only a matter of time before they show up at this hotel room to assimilate us and take the orb. We will stay here for the time being and see what happens." Jason said, "I guess I agree with you."

Jason and Mason go to a generic coffee and doughnut place to get breakfast the next morning. Jason and Mason sit outside at a patio table and they examine the street. Jason said, "I do not see any living dead." Mason said, "They are probably waiting for the perfect time to strike." Jason said, "I will go in and get a doughnut. Do you want one too?" Mason said, "No thanks. If I kept eating doughnuts, I will eventually have one around my waist." Jason said, "Suit yourself." Jason walks inside of the doughnut shop to order doughnuts. Jason looks at the front counter glass where the doughnuts are displayed. Jason said, "I will have a honey cruller and a vanilla sprinkle..." Jason looks at the server and it is a living dead drone. The drone said, "Will that be cash or credit or debit?" Jason screams and he grabs a China mug and he throws it at the drone. It smashes on the drone's face and Jason runs out of the restaurant. Jason said, "Mason, the living dead are in the coffee shop. We need to get out of here now." Mason gets up and he runs with Jason away from the shop.

Jason and Mason run back into the lobby of the hotel. The doorman comes to greet them. The doorman said, "Is there anything I can do for a small tip?" Jason and Mason turn around and they see that the doorman is a drone. Jason and Mason run for their room and

they lock themselves inside of it. Mason said, "I will call 911 and have the SWAT team blast them off. I wonder if it would be beneficial to show the orb to the mayor." Jason said, "If they know you have something of value to the situation, you may get more credit for your actions and you may be placed in charge rather than, Keith." Mason said, "You may be right but how do we get this orb to city hall safely?" Jason said, "The SWAT team will escort us." Mason said, "Sounds like a plan." Mason grabs the phone and dials 911 and he said, "Living dead are at the hotel on Bigot Street. Get here quickly." Mason hangs up the phone. Mason said, "I need to speak quickly. I have no idea if the line is secure or not." Jason said, "What if they come in here? What would we do then?" Mason said, "We will use some gadgets on them."

Jason and Mason look out the window and they see the SWAT team trucks driving down the street and stopping at the hotel. They see the members get out and bring their weapons and gadgets to the scene of the battle. They storm the lobby and they fight off the living dead. Jason and Mason see that the SWAT team is winning. Jason and Mason carry the orb in a box and they sneak out of the back door. Jason and Mason run down the street with the orb. They take the orb to city hall and they show it to the secretary. Mason said, "We need to see the mayor. We have something here that can save the city and the world from the living dead."

Chapter 6

Jason and Mason carry the box to the mayor's office. Mason said, "This is an orb that I won in an auction recently. My twin brother played with this orb and I believe it is the reason why all of this living dead nonsense has happened." The mayor said, "This thing is the reason why the dead has risen from the grave?" Mason said, "I have done some research on the internet and it appears as if this was a thing that ancient Spanish people used to communicate and manipulate the dead." The mayor said, "You found out all of this from the internet? You know that is just a bunch of baloney that people make up to scare other people. None of that stuff is true. Keith has searched the forest and other residential areas near downtown. He has not found anything yet." Mason said, "That is more the reason to believe that this orb is the source of the living dead." The mayor said, "Well, I do not want your orb or anything you have to offer me." Jason said, "Fine, be that way." Jason and Mason leave the mayor's office.

Jason and Mason head back to their hotel. Mason said, "What's the point of staying in downtown anyways? There are more people that are at risk and we are just a magnet for the living dead. We could in theory use this to our advantage and set a trap for them at our place. That plan may not work because they do not seem to know our specific location. They seem to just appear and attack the general area the orb is in. It is like they want in for something. I guess they do not want anyone to kill them or put them down again." Jason said, "Our lives may end soon from the looks of it so I will go to the computer and go on that beautiful internet again and look at more useless crap." Mason said, "I will not give up yet. I will try to beat the living dead. I will use my ultimate weapon, my lab." Jason said, "I will try to help you too I guess. If it means we get to survive in the end."

The mayor is sitting in his office looking at photos of the living dead. Keith walks in the

office and he said, "My search expedition has not found anything in the forest nor in the residential street nearby that could indicate a source for the living dead." The mayor said, "Your friend, Mason has an orb that he claims is the source of the living dead. He said the living dead seem to be attracted to it. I have no idea if that is true or not but I want you to look into this. I want you to keep track of where Jason and Mason are and see if you can find any clues that what Mason said may be true. I will give you a great reward if you save the city because of this." Keith said, "I will do so, mayor."

Jason and Mason leave their hotel room and they head back to their house. Jason and Mason study the orb some more. They examine its physical appearance and trends in the flow of lines. Jason holds his hand above the orb. The wavy lines seem to be attracted to his fingers. Mason holds his hand over the orb and it does not react to him at all. Mason said, "It seems to favor something about you." Jason said, "Could I be the only one that can save the city?" Jason and Mason hear a knock on the back door of the lab. Jason and Mason go to see who it is and it is a living dead drone. Mason grabs a large cylindrical weapon and it fires a blast of energy that makes the drone go flying away. Jason and Mason hear a knock at the front door of the lab and it is another drone. Mason does the same thing with his weapon. Mason looks outside and he sees more drones. Mason said, "Jason, grab the orb, we are taking it to a professional somewhere." Jason picks up the box the orb is in and the two of them run out the back door of the lab.

Jason and Mason run down the street and they see living dead drones crowded on the streets. Jason and Mason keep running until they trip on a clear wire they did not see. They fall on the road and the orb falls out of Jason's hands and it rolls out of the box. Jason and Mason see the orb roll down the street until a foot stops it. Jason and Mason see that Keith stopped the orb from rolling. Keith picks up the orb and he said, "Looks precious, like something that should be mine." Mason said, "Keith, you do not realize what the orb does. The fate of our world is determined by the orb." Keith said, "This looks like the orb I lost at the auction. Looks like I am taking back what should be mine." Mason said, "It only seems to react to Jason. It favors Jason. If you knew what is right, you would give it back to me and we would figure out how it works and Jason would command it to end the living dead." Keith said, "I would never demote myself to giving things up to such a pathetic runt like you." Keith walks away with the orb. Jason and Mason try to stop him but living dead drones keep brushing themselves up to Jason and Mason. Jason punches one of the drones in the face and it said, "Ouch!" and its lips do not move." Jason gets a closer look at it and he sees it is a costume. Jason pulls the head off and he sees it is a man in a costume. Jason and Mason stare at this and Mason said, "How?" The man said, "We are fake drones. Keith paid us to distract you so he can take the orb so he can save the world and he will obtain the recognition he believes he deserves." Mason said, "Only Jason can communicate with the orb. We need to get it back before more damage is done."

Keith brings the orb into the mayor's office. The mayor looks at the orb. The mayor said, "This is the thing that Mason said could save us all?" Keith said, "It is no longer in his hands. As an expert in science and technology, I say we give this thing to our engineers and scientists and see if they can study it and figure out how it works." The mayor said, "You have impressed me once again, Keith. This is my only thanks to you. I would not be the mayor of this city if it were not for you making alterations to the voting system to let me win." Keith said, "My life long goal is to serve others for their technological needs and wants."

Jason and Mason work in the lab and they try to invent possible weaknesses for the living dead. Jason said, "It would be funny if we find out that their weakness is orange soda and we need all of it in the world to end this conflict." Mason said, "Oh there is an abundance of orange soda in the world. You do not have to worry." The TV turns on by itself and Jason and Mason turn to view it. Mason said, "What's this?" Jason said, "The TV turned on by itself." George Ferrier is on the news and he said, "This is George Ferrier of DDD news. City hall is under attack from the living dead. The SWAT team is trying hard to defend the mayor. They are weakening because of one drone in particular that seems to be the leader behind this. I will provide more coverage on this story as it develops." A drone attacks George Ferrier. Mason said, "This is Keith's fault. If he never stole the orb from us, it never would have ended up at city hall and the city would not be at a great risk." Jason said, "What are we going to do?" Mason said, "We need to defend our home and other people's homes as much as we can."

Chapter 7

The mayor is in his office panicking in fear. Keith reaches behind the desk and he pulls out a shotgun. Keith loads it and he said, "You need all the help you can get. I am going to fight them myself." Keith opens up the office door and he fights off the living dead. Keith sees a drone that appears to be the leader. Keith aims and fires at him but all of his shots keep missing because the leader is moving fast. A drone comes up to Keith and Keith fights off the drone. Another one comes up from the front and Keith tries to fire at him. The shotgun falls apart. Keith said, "Blasted American weapons. They always fall apart. If it were German made, it would not fall apart." The drone assimilates Keith. Keith falls on the floor. In a short matter of time, Keith gets back up and he is a living dead drone. The leader drone breaks into the office of the mayor and he stands in front of the mayor's desk.

The leader drone said, "Mayor of San Francisco, it is you the one that possess the orb of life and death." The mayor said, "I have no orb. Jason and Mason are the ones with the orb. You should go and look for them." The leader drone said, "I am not stupid. I know you are hiding it in that box on your desk. You are just saying that as a feeble attempt to divert my attention so you can escape. It will not work." The leader drone opens the box and he sees the orb. He said, "Here it is. I can finally undo what was done over a hundred years ago. I can save the people of the town as I attempted. Normally I would assimilate someone like you. But, I have no respect for people that abuse the democratic system and that try to hide things from me. I have something else in mind for you." The drone sends out a stream of energy from the orb and it makes the mayor dissolve into nothing. The drone said, "The world is mine now."

Jason and Mason are in the lab preparing assault weapons. Jason said, "The drones first attacked the residential area of town. Our grandparents may be in trouble." Mason said, "Yes they could be. I do not see any drones down our street or anywhere around here. If we band together, we have a much greater chance of survival." Jason and Mason head over to their grandparents' place. They arrive there and they see defeated drones on the ground around the house. They enter the house. Their grandfather said, "Jason, Mason, come right in." He hands them both shotguns. He said, "We must defend our house. They have us surrounded." Mason said, "I have brought over some gadgets and other weapons that may serve us well too." Grandfather said, "If there is one thing I have learned, it's that a shotgun is the best solution to any deadly conflict." Jason, Mason, and their grandfather wait outside for

sometime and they see some drones outside in the distance. They load their weapons and they aim their guns into the darkness (Since it is nighttime). The drones get closer and they open fire on them. Jason said, "I never would have guessed my life would end with me shooting down the living dead in a residential backyard." Mason said, "Our life is not going to end. We will survive this."

The living dead leader sets up his personal base in the mayor's office. City hall looks trashed and rundown. The leader moves his hands around the orb and it reacts to his movements. The leader said, "Old friend, tell me where the other savior is hiding." The orb shows Jason in a backyard fighting off the living dead. The leader said, "I will pay him a visit myself." The leader grips onto the orb and he follows its directions. He waves his hands around the orb and he said, "I need more men if I plan on capturing the threat to the prophecy." The leader drone waves his arms around the orb.

Jason, Mason, and their Grandfather are still trying to defend the neighborhood from the living dead. The Grandfather said, "We are running out of ammo. We will be needing something more." Mason grabs out a black rectangular prism and he aims it at a drone. Mason presses a button on it and it fires out a long wire that connects to the drone. Vast amounts of electricity run through the drone and the drone falls to the ground. The Grandfather runs into the house and he takes a katana off the wall and he uses it as a weapon against the living dead. The Grandfather slashes the drones. One of the drones said, "You! I knew I would have my revenge on you, Jason and Mason." The grandfather sees this drone and he said, "It looks like it is my old dueling rival. Long time no see." The grandfather runs in the house and dashes back out with a katana. He begins dueling with the dueler drone.

Jason looks through gadgets and he finds a boomerang and he throws it at the drone that their Grandfather is dueling with. The drone turns and aims his sword at Jason. The Grandfather cuts up the drone. He said, "Thanks, Jason." They see a drone of a twelve year-old boy walk into the backyard. He is holding the orb. Jason, Mason, and their Grandfather stare at the drone. Mason said, "You look familiar. I know, You were that rich kid that was in that painting that was being auctioned. Keith won that one like he did for the rest except for that orb you stole from me." The drone said, "I am Lord Von Voldavuex. In the late, 19th century, this land was attacked by the living dead. I have attempted to use this orb to save the city. It took me many attempts but I ran out of time and the living dead got me and they made me one of them. Since I was the one that possessed the orb of life and death, the living dead considered me to be their leader. I realize now that things may be better for me like this. The prophecy states that very few people can utilize the power of this orb to manipulate the living and the dead. I believe the blond hair kid with the rectangular shaped head is my greatest threat." Mason said, "Jason cannot be your greatest threat. He does not know how to work that orb. In fact, he played around with the orb and you and the rest of the living dead are alive right now because of Jason." Voldaveux said, "Yes I am alive because of Jason, thank you very much but I must obtain my goal of having everything that I want. I want my fortune back so I will do all I can to get it back. Drones, attack, Jason and Mason and anyone else that stands in my way."

The drones jump on the Grandfather and they assimilate him. Jason screamed, "No!" Mason said, "Run, Jason. We have no time to lose." Jason and Mason run for their lives down the side streets of the city. They run through someone's backyard and they see the barbeque on. Jason turns it upside down and the lawn catches on fire and the fire spreads around the backyards. Jason and Mason keep running and they try to come up with a greater plan. Mason said, "We should run to the specialist on the orb and see what we can do. First we must reclaim the orb. We are dealing with a powerful entity so we must carefully plan our moves." Jason said, "Why don't we call the air-force and they can come and destroy this land?" Mason said, "Valuable property exists on this land and they cannot take any risks. We may be able to set a trap. The orb is locked onto you. We can go to our house and I will hide in the attic and you will stand under the attic. When Voldaveux comes for you, I will grab the orb with the help of my robots and I we will escape from our place." Jason said, "I should not be placed at risk. I am the only one that can use the orb. You should be the bait and I will grab the orb." Mason said, "They are looking for you. Voldaveux seems to tell the difference between us." Jason said, "The only thing that separates us in appearance is our hair. I am blonde and you are a brunet." Mason said, "I do not like this but this may be our only hope and I say it is worth it. We will shave all the hair off of our scalps so we look like we are one in the same." Jason said, "Then we will be like that Irish pop-star that has no respect for our way of life. But I say it is worth it if it means we save our world from this madman."

Jason and Mason get home and they set up the trap. Mason plots many of his robots around the house so the drones would not suspect something. Jason and Mason take out razors and they shave every iota of hair off of their scalps. Jason and Mason stare at each other. Jason said, "We are one in the same." Mason said, "You are my clone. My brains were not copied for some reason." Jason said, "You lack zest." Jason goes into the attic to hide and Mason stands under the attic door. Mason said, "I am Jason, I am the one that knows how to use the orb. I can end that bozo Voldaveux's plan at any second if I had the orb. I fail math tests. I like doughnuts and orange soda. I like to use the internet as a form of entertainment rather than education. I like to watch stupid movies. I do not know how to use commas so I use periods instead."

Voldaveux and his men barge into Jason and Mason's house and they probe the place for any of them. They see the computer. Voldaveux turns it on and he searches its contents. He finds nothing. He sees there are many robots littered in the house. Voldaveux and his men find what they think is Jason standing out in the middle of the hallway. Voldaveux said, "I knew Jason would be here. This orb serves me well. Voldaveux walks up to Jason and Mason opens up the attic door and grabs onto the orb. Mason ends up in a tug of war with Voldaveux. Mason pulls hard and a humanoid robot grabs onto Mason and pulls to give Mason more strength. Voldaveux loses grip of the orb and Mason has it in his hands. Living dead drones crowd around Mason and they are bent on assimilating him. Mason throws the orb to Jason and he catches it. Jason and Mason stand side by side each other and Voldaveux becomes confused. He said, "Which is which? Who do I attack. What do I care, they both pose threats to me." Jason is holding onto the orb and he climbs up the stairs to the attic. Mason is below and drones keep piling in. They are pushing Mason and Mason is trying to get to the top. The drones have over powered Mason's robots and other supports.

Mason said, "Jason, you are our only hope. They are onto me. I trust you will save our world. I know you can do it. You have to leave me behind. They have a strong grip on me. If

you stay, you will become assimilated too.” The drones pull Mason into them and they assimilate Mason. Jason climbs up into the attic and he opens the window and he jumps out the window and he is on the roof. Jason climbs down to the ground and he runs towards the city. Jason sees an old pickup truck and he jumps in and he drives it. Jason keeps the orb closely next to him. Jason drives into downtown and he drives through the ruins of the city. He sees destroyed buildings, cars on fire, and people breaking into stores to steal things. Jason sees a man that looks like someone significant standing on the side of the road trying to hitchhike a ride. Jason stops and he said, “Do you know anything about the orb?” The man said, “I did not think I would actually see one in real life. It looks beautiful. I am Dr. Sheemp. I have been studying supernatural beings and entities for many years. I can give you some help.” Jason said, “I need the help. Many people have been assimilated by the living dead and we need to save them and stop the living dead from ruling the streets.” Dr. Sheemp said, “I always wanted to see an orb of life and death in action. The legend has it that there is a prophecy that only certain people can use its power. I have never been able to do that because I am not one of those rare people.” Jason said, “I am. I can interact with this thing. It is my fault that all of these things have been happening regarding the living dead. I believe I am the one to save us all from these drones and become the savior of the world.” Dr. Sheemp said, “A bonafide decision you have made. In good faith you are. We will work together to save the world. You may drive me to my lab and I will show you the command codes I have written down. You will study them and figure out what the commands do. Once you figure it out, do the command to restore anyone that has been assimilated and bring the evil drones back to the dead.”

Chapter 9

Jason and Dr. Sheemp walk into Dr. Sheemp's lab and Jason looks at the contents regarding the orb. Dr. Sheemp rests the orb on a table and he studies it. The orb seems to be dead and inactive. It is just dark purple and it is solid like a shooter marble. Dr. Sheemp gives Jason a book filled with command codes for the orb. Jason tries the first one which is the most basic one. Jason waves his hands around the orb in a specific pattern. Wavy lines appear in the orb and it turns dark red. Jason said, “The first command code in the book is to change the color of the orb to red. I did that. I am not sure if it means anything or if it is just merely cosmetic.” Dr. Sheemp reads through his books on the orb. He said, “It is purple or blue in these images but there is nothing about the orb being red. Maybe it is just something instructors used as an easy warm-up for their students.”

Voldaveux walks around the dead streets of the city and he looks at the destruction he had caused. He said, “I am glad I have assimilated the one they call, Mason. I can utilize the knowledge from him to devise flawless battle plans against, Jason. I also have Keith on my side as well. Jason is an idiot. There is no way he can possibly beat the powers of Mason and Keith working side by side each other. I just need to find out where Jason is. He is probably with someone smart to aid him. I just need to find a directory of smart people in the city that I have not yet assimilated. I never thought I would reclaim my lost fortune by capturing smart people and forcing them to work for me.”

Jason studies the book some more and tries more complex commands on the orb. Dr.

Sheemp turns on the TV and it is on DDD news. George Ferrier is on TV and he said, "I am George Ferrier. I am one of the living dead now. However, I can still do my job of being a news reporter/anchor. I am reporting live outside of city hall where the mayor has disappeared. I am here with our great supreme lord, Voldaveux. What do you think of this?" Voldaveux said, "I assimilate those that stand against me to make them one of me and to eliminate them as a threat. I have no respect for the mayor considering the hypocrisy he possesses. He paid Keith to rig the voting system so he will win the last election. I would never want a scoundrel that does such a nasty thing to be on my side. That is why I vanished him rather than assimilated him. I have another message too. Jason, if you are hearing this right now, if you surrender the orb to me, I will give you Mason back and I will restore everyone I have assimilated. If you do not comply, I will have Mason and Keith come for you and you will be like me. The choice is yours."

Jason said, "I would not have to put up with any of this if I master the power of this orb. Voldaveux is a bad guy anyways. Bad guys never stay true to their word. I have learned that from pretty much any superhero movie or action movie I had ever seen. I need to master the proper command combo that will bring Voldaveux back to his grave and will give me back Mason and everyone else that has been assimilated by the living dead. These commands are not specific. There is no single command to do what I want. I would have to mix them and I imagine the results could be quite catastrophic if I goof and give the wrong command." Dr. Sheemp said, "I have just finished a compiler on my computer that allows you to enter commands and it will tell you which commands are compatible with each other. It will not tell you the right commands to do what you want but it will tell you which command combos are deadly and which ones are not." Jason said, "Considering how many possibilities there are, I may have to write each one down and try all of the safe ones. That could still take a long time though."

Jason and Dr. Sheemp hear a knock on the door. The person knocking said, "Someone at this lab that goes by the name of, Jason has won a free pizza and it is here right now." Dr. Sheemp looks through the peephole and he sees a pizza man that has gray skin and white hair. Dr. Sheemp said, "It is a drone. This is a trap. They know where we are. They are on to us." Jason said, "I am trying to find the correct commands." Jason goes to the computer and he types in the commands. In a short amount of time, it listed all of the safe commands. Jason begins to try the safe commands. He tries the first one and it makes the orb turn green. Jason tries the second one and it makes his skin moist and clear. Dr. Sheemp walks up to Jason and the orb and he said, "There is an army of living dead drones hanging outside of my door. I cannot leave this place. We are stuck here until you can find a way to destroy them all." Jason and Dr. Sheemp hear a strange irritating sound coming from the front metal door. Jason said, "That sounds like Mason's patented metal fusion cutter. The living dead assimilated Mason so..." The door to the lab gets cut down and Mason walks into the lab. Mason has gray skin and his scalp is still bald. More drones run in the lab and Jason tries combos that may save himself. The drones grab Dr. Sheemp and they assimilate him. Jason tries hundreds of random combos and he uses one that transports him to the cemetery.

Jason looks around and he sees tombstones with holes in the ground in front of them. Jason sees that the tombstones are from people that have died in the late 19th century. Jason looks at the actual dates of death and it said they all died on September 29th 1888. Jason looked at the orb and he takes out the commands he placed in his pocket. Jason hears sounds of people walking through the grass. He turns around and he sees more living dead

drones. He then sees Voldaveux. Voldaveux said, "It is about time you quit so you can let your superiors take over." Jason said, "You would have to assimilate me first. You died long ago, that is too bad. You should not have to fight other people because of it." Voldaveux said, "That doesn't make any sense. I am the dominant force in the world. The orb told me that over a hundred years ago. I am the original character the prophecy referred to. I shall take what I did not get and should be mine." Jason said, "You need to face the facts that you are dead and what you have known has been destroyed." Voldaveux said, "Let's see about that." Voldaveux snaps his fingers and Mason and Keith appear at his sides. Voldaveux said, "Attack Jason and don't stop until he is nothing but dust." Mason and Keith jump for Jason and Jason dodges the attack. Jason runs away with the orb and he looks at the commands and he sees one for defense. Jason uses it and a shield appears around him and the orb. Mason and Keith try attacking the orb and they cannot get through. Jason said, "Well, it looks like I am safe for the time being."

Jason looks through the instructions some more. Jason finds a command for attack and he uses it. It sends a small beam of energy at Mason and Keith and it pushes them away. It does not do much so they just head back for Jason. They keep walking into Jason's shield and they keep bouncing off it slightly and walking back into it. Jason looks at some of the other speculations of the orb. Jason reads, "All is returned to normal once the entity is eliminated." Jason said, "What is that supposed to mean? Entity? Destroyed?" Jason scratches his head and he figured out what it means. Jason said, "This orb is an entity. If I destroy it, all that was ever done as a result of the orb would be undone. The orb is the reason why all of this has happened. If I destroy it, the world will return to normal and Mason and everyone else would come back from being drones. It is worth a try."

Voldaveux said, "You idiots. I thought the two of you were the smartest people around. I guess I was wrong." Jason said, "You are not. By assimilating them, you have made them one of your own so they are not themselves anymore so therefore they are not smart. They are dumb like you." Voldaveux said, "I will tear you apart with my bare hands." Jason said, "I would like to see you try." Voldaveux runs for Jason and waves his hands around in a certain way that makes the shield turn off. Voldaveux said, "I can use that shield and orb just as well as you." Jason said, "How about now?" Jason throws the orb onto the sidewalk and the orb gets scratched and cracked. Jason picks it up again and he smashes it on the side of a tombstone. It gets scratched but it is still in one piece. Jason remembers his Grandfather's house is located very close to the cemetery. Jason runs over to the house and finds a shotgun that is still lying in the backyard from the action earlier. Voldaveux said, "Guns do not work on me." Jason said, "I know they don't." Jason throws the orb to the ground and he aims the shotgun at the orb. Jason fires the gun at the orb and the orb shatters into crystal shards. The image of the destruction is beautiful. The sparkles glisten in a yellow bright light then slowly die down. The remains of the orb just look like broken purple glass.

Voldaveux said, "You idiot. You just made me invincible. You will never get your friends back from me now." Voldaveux looks around him and his arms and legs start to grow weak. His face starts to turn thin and weak. He falls on the ground and there is nothing left of him but dust. Jason walks back to the cemetery and he sees the same thing is happening to all of the living dead drones that died over a hundred years ago. Jason sees Mason lying by a tombstone and his skin is white Caucasian. Mason is still bald and he is wearing ripped up clothes. Mason said, "Have I been saved?" Jason said, "You most certainly have. Everyone that has been assimilated has been saved. We can all live in peace. Keith is also saved and

he is wearing ripped up clothes too. Keith said, "I refuse to believe that I was saved by an idiot. That person to save the world should have been me."

Chapter 10

Everyone in the city that had been assimilated had been saved. People are getting back up and they are returning to their everyday lives. People are cleaning up the streets of the city and other people are resting from the devastation. George Ferrier is back and he said, "This is DDD news and I have returned from the living dead. The city is still in ruins but we will use the tax payer's dollars to fix the problem in no time at all." Jason and Mason cleaned up their house while they discussed the aftermath of the orb. Mason said, "I guess you did the right thing by destroying the orb. It was too dangerous to be left in tact so someone else could use it. Now it cannot do us anymore harm." Jason said, "You said it yourself."

Jason goes to take out the trash and he sees the news van for DDD news. George Ferrier sees, Jason and he said, "Jason, what do you want to tell the people of the city?" Jason said, "The main heroes were, Mason, Dr. Sheemp and of course myself."

Mason goes to the computer and he receives a message that the hard-drive is full. Mason said, "How could it be full? I just upgraded it recently. Mason looks at the reason why the computer is full. There are hundreds of games from the internet on the computer. Jason is still outside and he hears Mason scream, "Jason! You downloaded over 600 Mega Bytes of game data onto our computer!"